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1. GIANT SCALE MISSION 385 DATED 11 SEPTEMBER 1971 REVEALS THAT MAPS IN A NEW ROAD EXTENDING FROM ROUTE 103 IN NORTH VIETNAM THROUGH THE WESTERN DMZ INTO THE A SHAU VALLEY ARE BEING RAPIDLY CLOSED.

2. SINCE THE REFERENCED MESSAGE, CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN CONCENTRATED IN TWO AREAS: THE MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN JUST SOUTH OF THE DMZ AND THE AREA BETWEEN ROUTES 9 AND 616. IN THE DMZ AREA CONSTRUCTION IS NEARING COMPLETION ON THE CROSS-DMZ EXTENSIONS OF ROUTES 103 AND 100 INTO SOUTH VIETNAM. SOUTH OF ROUTE 9, VIRTUALLY CONTINUOUS VEGETATION CLEARING AND ROADBED EXCAVATION ARE NOTED ALONG A 5 KM SEGMENT. THIS IS NEW SINCE THIS SEGMENT IS LOCATED BETWEEN ROUTE 9 AND A PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED UNNUMBERED ROAD EXTENDING SOUTHWARD TO ROUTE 616. ROUTE 616 WAS EXTENDED TO THE A SHAU VALLEY DURING THE PAST DRY SEASON.

MAP REFERENCES: SERIES L7014, SHEETS 6342 I, II, III, IV.

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